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Subject: Animas River spill and farming

Hi,

I'm writing a story for Modern Farmer magazine about the Animas River spill and was hoping someone at the EPA could answer a few questions for me

(see below). Let me know if it's easier to answer them via email or by phone. My deadline is Thursday at noon.

Thanks,

Andrew

- 1. How did the spill occur?
- 2. Do you have any idea how many farms are potentially being effected by the spill?
- 3.Is there any data on potential long-term effects?
- 4. Will farmers be able to return to using the river as a water source anytime soon?
- 5. Can you describe the kinds of pollutants that were released and any short-term environmental effects associated with them?

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